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SUBJ: COMORO ISLANDS

1. PRESIDENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL CIRCULATED NOVEMBER 3
TO SC MEMBERS TEXT OF NOVEMBER 1 TELEGRAM FROM MOHAMED
DJAFFAR, HEAD OF STATE AND PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT OF
COMORO TO MR. RYDIECK (SIC), PRESIDENT OF SC (SIC).

2. DJAFFAR TELEGRAM TRANSMITS TEXTS OF TWO COMMUNIQUE OF
OCTOBER 31 RESPONDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT
SPOKESMAN OCTOBER 29 CONCERNING PROPOSED LEGISLATION ON THE
INDEPENDENCE OF THREE OF THE FOUR COMORO ISLANDS AND A
REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF THE FOURTH, MAYOTTE.
ONE COMMUNIQUE, DATED MORONI, EXPRESSES "CONSTERNATION"
OF GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF COMOROS; RECALLS ACCESSION OF
THE ISLANDS TO "INTERNATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY" ON JULY 6, 1975
AS "LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE" OF DECEMBER 22, 1974 REFERENDUM;
NOTES "CONSECRATION" OF INDEPENDENCE BY, AMONG OTHERS,
UN SECURITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMISSION
OF "THE NEW COMOREAN STATE ONE AND INDIVISABLE"; AND IN-
VOKES THE "SOLEMN DECLARATIONS" OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT
ON AUGUST 26 AND OCTOBER 24, 1974. CONSIDERING
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"ALL DECLARATIONS OR DECISIONS AFFECTING THE SACRED

CHARACTER OF NATIONAL UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE COMOREAN STATE AS A PROVOCATION AND A BLOW TO THE PRINCIPLE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY," THE COMOREAN GOVERNMENT APPEALS TO "AFRICAN OPINION, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND ALL FRENCHMEN OF GOOD WILL" TO ASSURE THAT "JUSTICE AND WISDOM PREVAIL OVER THE DESIGNS OF MINORITY GROUPS AND THUS PRESERVE PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN".

3. SECOND COMMUNIQUE, DATELINED PARIS, EXPRESSED THE SURPRISE OF THE COMORO MISSION IN PARIS ABOUT THE "BRUTAL STAND" TAKEN BY FRANCE WITHOUT CONSULTATION AT A TIME OF RECESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THE COMORO MISSION "DEPLORES THIS UNEXPECTED AND UNFRIENDLY STAND" AND FINDS IT "EXTREMELY ALARMING" IN THE CONTEXT OF ACTS BY "FANATICS" WITH FRENCH COMPLICITY INVOLVING "MASSIVE DEPORTATIONS" AND ABUSE OF THOSE ON MAYOTTE IN FAVOR OF NATIONAL UNITY. THE COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDES "THESE ACTS MOCK THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND DEMOCRACY."

4. DJAFFAR'S CABLE REQUESTS THAT THESE COMMUNIQUE BE CIRCULATED.
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